

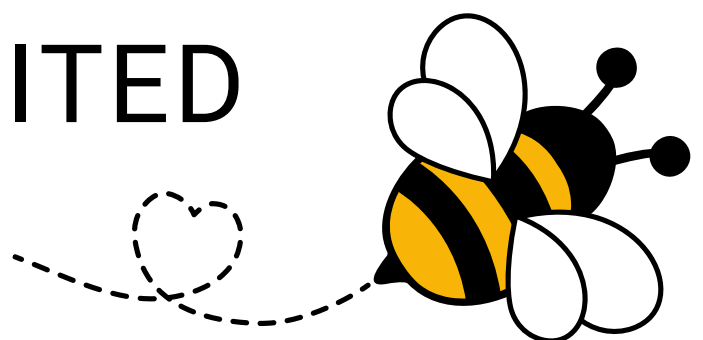


# Evergreen News September 2025

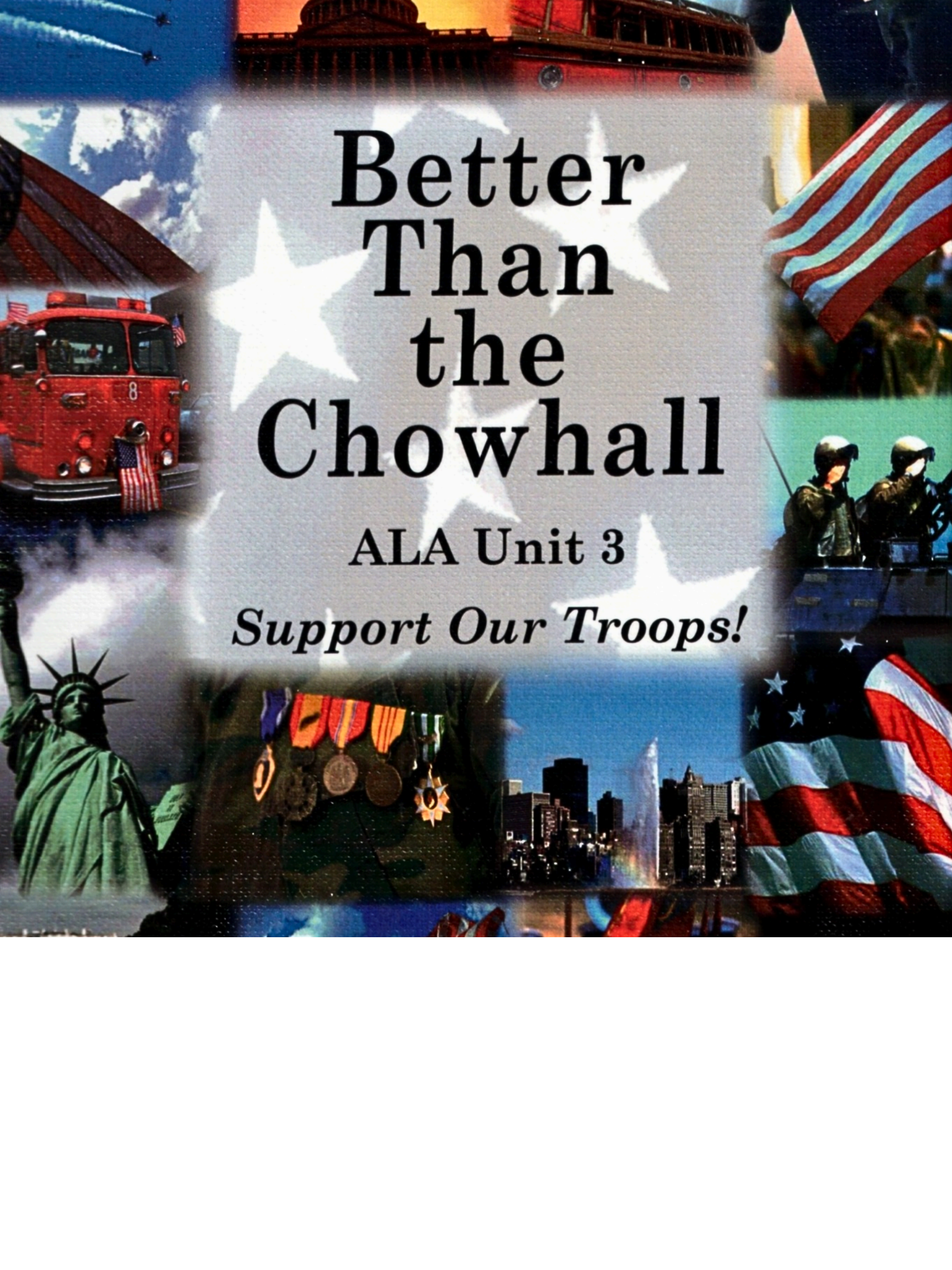
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October Deadline:  
September 22nd

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The background of the entire page is a collage of patriotic American imagery. At the top, there's a red fire truck with the number '8' on its front, an American flag on the bumper, and a small American flag on the roof. To the right, a large American flag is waving. Below the fire truck, on the left, is the Statue of Liberty. In the center, there are several military medals hanging from ribbons. To the right of the medals is a city skyline at night with a rainbow in the sky. At the bottom right, two soldiers in camouflage uniforms and helmets are standing on a rooftop. The text 'Better Than the Chowhall' is centered over a large white star in the upper half of the collage.

# Better Than the Chowhall

ALA Unit 3

*Support Our Troops!*



# **Cookbooks are here! How many do you need?!**

**We have collected over 300 recipes from  
Auxiliary and Legion members, family, and  
friends across Washington State (and even  
a sailor's mom from Boston)!**

**Your purchase directly  
supports our troops  
... active and retired!**

**Only \$15 (plus S&H)**

**Scan the QR code  
or type the URL  
to order!**



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**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Washington  
Gift Shop at American Lake VA Medical Center (AL VAMC)  
For Inpatients at AL VAMC 2-6 December 2025**

This will be the 82nd year Auxiliary put on the Christmas Gift Shop at the Auditorium, Building 9, 9600 Veterans Drive, Lakewood. This is 3rd year we will also, set up a mini gift shop at the Community Living Center (not walking distance to Building 9, for those using walkers or wheelchairs).

At the VA inpatients will be able to shop for family members, have gifts wrapped and then mailed at no cost to them. They get to shop for 3 family members and each gets 1 gift of a value of at least \$25.

This is made possible by Donations and Volunteers in the American Legion Family.

Units & Posts can donate by sending check made out to ALA Dept of WA memo portion AL Gift Shop. Include ALA Dept form Unit Donation Form dated 4/2025, fill out basic information and then put amount in block 524. Your money goes toward buying gifts, supplies and postage.

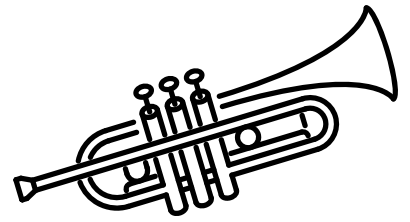
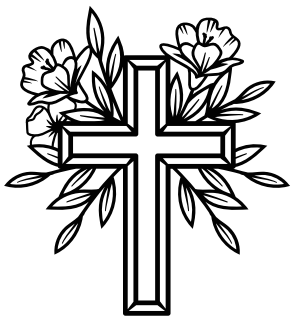
Volunteers are needed from Units and Posts throughout the gift shop. Some duties are, set up, help in patients with shopping, wrapping and dropping off at Post Office. Set amount of volunteers needed daily will depend on when each group will be shopping. Will have a sign-up sheet by September 2, 2025.

To volunteer or if you have questions contact Gift Shop Chair [debby\\_ramirez@comcast.net](mailto:debby_ramirez@comcast.net) or (253) 219-0718

06/06/2025







**2025-2026 Department Chaplain Vick Evans  
September 2025 Newsletter**

**Hello everyone and welcome to Fall.  
I hope everyone had a chance to wind down after convention  
and enjoy the rest of your summer.**

**I want to thank everyone for supporting me to be your  
Department Chaplain. again.**

**I absolutely love being the Chaplain as I truly feel this is my  
calling. I have a very strong faith in our God. I choose to live the  
Christian life and want to be available to help anyone at any time.  
I am always willing to offer prayer and counseling when someone  
needs it. Please, don't ever hesitate to call me.**

**As Chaplain, I am also asked to perform Chaplain duties at some  
of the military funerals I do with the honor guards I am on. Some  
are even last minute requests, so I act as Chaplain and then play  
Taps.**

**If any of you have a friend, or relative pass away, please let me  
know so I can first and foremost begin praying, then if you send  
me an address, I will send the family a card from the Department.  
I depend on all of you to communicate these things with me as I  
don't always hear about them. You may reach me by phone call,  
text or email.**

**May you all enjoy the cooler weather coming as fall is upon us.  
I'd like to leave you with this prayer**



**Dear Lord,**

**I pray that You would bless this season.  
Make it all that You would have it be. I pray  
that the enemy's plans would not prosper.**

**That You would use this season for deep  
growth for each one of us and we can all grow  
in Your love.**

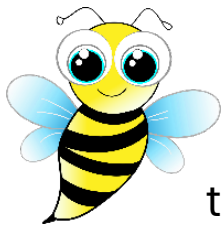
**Help us discern the plan You have for us in  
this season. In our minds, we have our own  
plans, but You decide the steps that we  
ultimately take.**

**Let the earlier setting of the sun bring  
peaceful sleep as the silver moon makes its  
silent journey in the Autumn chill.**

**I pray these things in Jesus name, Amen**



**Vickie Evans  
Department Chaplain  
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Email: vwtrumpet@aol.com**



## **Membership begins with ME !**

What does ME stand for? It stands for YOU. Every single one of you in the Legion Family is needed to help improve our membership. For some reason or another, people are simply not renewing their membership. In some cases, it's simply they've felt there was plenty of time and put it off to the point they completely forgot. In other cases, I've discovered members don't feel their membership is that important, as they don't really use many of the benefits.

Membership is the life's blood of our organization. The revenue from dues received finance many of our programs; and the volunteers help to implement those programs.

The numbers help more than you'll ever realize when the Legislature and Congress are approached for the much-needed support of our veterans. Auxiliary programs were developed to provide assistance, education, and financial support for veterans and their families. And, in the communities, we focus on helping to create better citizenship – particularly the nation's citizens of the future.

It is of utmost importance to increase our membership, not for the goal rewards or personal awards, but for the betterment of our country. Without a strong membership we cannot help our country, it's veterans and youth as properly as needed.

“Service not self” should be the watch words for us all. Don't think of the benefits you get from membership, think of all the benefits your membership gives to others.

## **Be an Early Bird – Give a treat to American Legion**

### **Auxiliary Programs– renew ALA 2026 membership before Halloween.**



We'll have a drawing of all those renewed by Halloween – winner gets a nice prize.

Jane Montaney and Barb Rutherford American Legion Auxiliary  
Department Membership Chairmen



# **WANT TO LEARN ABOUT GIRLS STATE?**

**JOIN US FOR A ZOOM MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21ST @ 6:00 PM**

★ **WHAT IS GIRLS STATE**

★ **HOW TO RECRUIT**

★ **HOW TO FUNDRAISE**

**MEETING ID: 884 3252 2641**

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